



The Roe's Hatch

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Dear Partners,

Grammy-winning Christian rapper Lecrae performed last week as the featured artist in an evangelistic effort in Madison. College students, kids, parents, and other adults attended the spectacular, free concert to see performances by hip hop dance troupe the Exiles, up-and-coming rapper Hulvey, testimonies from Cru student athletes from Whitewater, Edgewood College, and UW-Madison, and a heart-felt message about following Jesus from Pulse founder, Nick Hall.

Nick shared the gospel and invited people to respond to Christ. About half the audience of 600 submitted response cards. On them, 30 marked the box to express a decision to trust Christ for the first time, while another 127 marked they wanted to rededicate their lives to God.

Please pray as people circle back with these individuals to talk through these decisions and help them take their next steps. Wouldn't it be great if every person, whether they came alone or with another, got connected to a good Bible-believing, supportive community where they are living?



Murmurs of Revival

What's God doing at Asbury? Is it spreading? Should we visit?

These are questions people are asking over the last number of days as a reportedly good, but by some accounts, not extraordinary chapel service at Asbury University transitioned into an impromptu time of extended singing and has continued into a so-far unceasing worship service filled with prayer, repentance, and a growing population of people expressing their hunger for God.

Many people are journeying in from various places to experience it and wondering if they can catch the Spirit's moving like lightning in a bottle.

We experienced some of the remarkable pourings of revival back in 1995 where we saw students and Cru staff vulnerably display a new brokenness before God and others and a heightened thirst for God. We moved to Madison four years after this special encounter on the campus, and it was readily apparent that it shaped much of the ministry. Several attributed this working of God as a critical ingredient for the growth that Southern Wisconsin experienced at that time.

This Thursday is the annual Collegiate Day of Prayer which stands on the tradition of beseeching the Lord to work on college campuses. As noted on collegiayedayofprayer.org 200 years ago in 1823, nearly every major denomination and university across America united in prayer for our nation's college students. Campuses were being radically transformed by powerful seasons of spiritual awakening.

The day includes a simulcast and people around the country are invited to attend. God has used Asbury to seed broader revival before. Whether coincidence or providence, Asbury's chapel was the location chosen months ago to broadcast this year's College Day of Prayer simulcast. Cru and our friends in other ministries in town plan to join.

Is the Lord wishing at this time to do a similar special work on lots of campuses? We don't know. We don't know all the details and aren't trying to humanly manufacture a working of God's Spirit. As a staff team we had been talking this fall about what revival could mean and know that unless the Lord builds the house, the workers labor in vain. God can do more in one instance of moving than we could alone through all our planning and efforts. We welcome him to work.

This is one more reason we value you and your prayers.

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Praise God and huge thanks to the many of you who were so kind and generous when we really needed it. December 2022 turned out to be the highest level of special gifts we've ever seen in one month.

Pray for God to grip people's hearts on campus.

We have a few gospel initiatives on our campuses this semester to reach out to students and faculty. Ask the Lord for good receptivity to Cru students and Jesus.

Over spring break weeks we will be sending trips to Ecuador and Texas for humanitarian and gospel outreach.

Pray for students considering opportunities for the summer and post graduation to step out with wisdom and faith.

We welcome prayer for our family as well as there are always challenges with parenting, marriage, school, and life in and outside of Cru.

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